

The Corporation of the Township of Horton
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

May 14, 2016

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Present were Committee Members: Chair David Bennett; Vice-chair Jamey Larone; Mayor Robert Kingsbury; Public Members Rick Lester and Murray Humphries. Staff: Janet Collins, Public Works Manager; Mario Simon, Administrative/Planning Assistant.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by committee members or staff.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Public Works Committee – April 16, 2015

Committee members reviewed the minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Kerry Papineau - Humphries Road

Mr. Papineau provided several comments regarding the condition of Humphries Road such as (a) it is at its worse in years, (b) he is concerned about the risk of accidents when cars are passing one another and fishtailing, (c) it is dangerous for motorcycles, (e) the sides of the road are higher than the centre so water can't run off, (f) that lack of calcium and extreme dust, (g) suggested that tractors should use not be permitted to use the roadway, but should travel through their own fields, and (e) we should lower the speed limit.

Mr. Papineau mentioned the sink hole on Humphries road is at its worse. He was concerned that there might be a risk of a fender bender occurring and also noted that it is dangerous for motorcyclist. He said the sides of the roads are higher than the middle. Mr. Papineau also mentioned he is concerned with the amount of dust on the road and vehicles fish tailing on the road surface. Mr. Papineau suggested that tractors should use their own fields to drive on and not municipally owned roads. He also said he was concerned about the calcium on the road.

Regarding calcium, the Public Works Manager indicated that we don't start spreading calcium until early June. If we spread it earlier we tend to lose it before the end of summer. Also we are restricted by half loads (5 tonnes per axle) which means the tankers carrying the liquid calcium cannot travel the roadway. We do spread some flake calcium in areas, prior to June, but not the entire roadway.

Rick Lester noted that, regarding lowering the speed limit, that unsigned rural roads are 80km/hr and he was not necessarily in favour of lowering the speed if it is not enforced. Mayor Kingsbury also noted the issue is not lowering the speed limit but rather enforcement.

Vice-chair Larone suggested we post safety signs on municipal roads that have wash out areas to protect public safety. He said we need to develop a business plan to address these concerns.

Chair Bennett generally agreed with Vice-chair Larone, further noting that municipal staff has the authority to post lower speed limits if necessary on

municipal roads. Mr. Bennett said the Township does not have the funds to do work on Humphries Road, but noted that the Committee will discuss this matter and see if they can make accommodations.

Mayor Kingsbury asked the Public Works Manager if she had any work planned on Humphries road. She noted that the roads for the annual Gravel Tender have not been selected yet, but recommended more work was required on Humphries than just spreading granular on the surface, including about 60% of the road requiring ditching.

5.2 Rick Hultink- Whitton Road

Mr. Hultink noted water buildup on his land as it cannot get through the Township ditch, in particular an portion of ditching that has been filled with a 100' long culvert across from Sandy McGregor's. Water running down the Township's ditch is shedding onto his property.

David Bennett stated that he looked at the property. He asked Mr. Hultink if he has taken elevations. Mr. Hultink has not. Mr. Hultink further indicated that the hydro poles are fairly close to the roadway and this may be part of the reason the ditch was diverted through the long culvert as it would not be able to be dug sufficiently deep without affecting the sideslopes.

Mayor Kingsbury suggested that the Public Works Manager take some elevation shots and bring them back to the Committee for further review on this matter.

6. STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION

6.1 Humphries Road Data

This report was given to the Committee for information purposes only.

Mr. Humphries noted that excavation is not the best option. He mentioned that putting down some granular on Humphries road would be better. Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Humphries for his opinion on the amount of fines in 4" minus vs. pitrun.

Chair Larone mentioned that we should not allow additional severances of lots where the roads can't handle the added traffic count.

6.2 Load Restrictions

The Township has two by-laws on load restrictions. Ms. Collins noted that when the second by-law was created the first one was not rescinded. The second by-law was created in conjunction with a number of Township's in order to synchronize the dates with that of the County.

Ms. Collins noted that during discussion with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), they stated that they only enforce load restrictions on provincial highways. She contacted the County of Renfrew regarding enforcement, they were also told by MTO that they no longer enforce on roads not within their jurisdiction. The County was told to contact the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). Another alternative is to have our Municipal By-Law Enforcement be appointed through the Province. Ms. Collins did not recommend this alternative due to potentially high costs for implementation and no guarantee on a return of fines, or continued contract with the By-Law Enforcement Company. Mayor Kingsbury agreed that appointing Jim McBain as a Provincial Offences officer is not the option for Horton.

Mr. Bennett asked if the Public Works Manager could write a letter to the MTO, OPP and our Member of Parliament.

Moved by Mayor Kingsbury, Seconded by Jeremy Larone

THAT the Public Works Committee direct staff to provide a revised By-law to Designate a Reduced Load Period.

FURTHER THAT staff prepare a letter to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), and Member of Parliament requesting clarification of enforcement of a Municipal By-Law to Designate a Reduced Load Period.

Carried

6.3 Rand Elliot Property- Highway 60/Pinnacle Road

The Planning Committee requested that the PWC review and provide comment regarding a proposed commercial entrance at Hwy. 60 and Pinnacle Road.

The Public Works Manager reviewed the staff report expressing concern over the potential of the entrance to appear as an extension of Pinnacle Road suggesting that the Committee consider safety elements such as signage, width of driveway, location to Pinnacle, lighting, etc. Mr. Bennett suggested we consider an island. Following discussions, the Committee put forth a motion as follows:

Moved by Jamey Larone, Seconded by Rick Lester

THAT the Public Works Committee recommends that the Planning Committee request the Developer to provide an engineering design for ingress/egress access onto Pinnacle Road having regard for safety concerns.

FURTHER THAT the Developer have consideration for future development both commercial and/or residential access and frontage on an opened maintained road.

Carried

6.4 Fleet Requirements

The Committee reviewed a report outlining staff's recommendations with regards to existing and future fleet purchases. Following discussion, a motion was put forth for consideration.

Moved by Murray Humphries, Seconded by Rick Lester

THAT the Public Works Committee (PWC) considers staff's recommendations related to present and future fleet requirements and forward to the Finance Committee for their review, the following:

- 1) Sell Truck #1 (2007 ¾ ton GMC Silverado 2500HD) in 2015 "as is".
- 2) Purchase in 2015 for the purchase of a 3 ton multi-use truck which includes a dump box and sander.
- 3) Sell Truck #11 (2013 ¾ ton GMC Silverado 2500HD) in 2019 per Asset Management Plan.
- 4) Purchase in 2019 a 4x4 ½ ton truck without a plow.
- 5) When Truck #3 (2000 Sterling) has lost its working value to the department (i.e. the maintenance costs outweigh the working value) it will not be replaced.
- 6) Dispose of the 1972 Michigan-Clarke Loader (Fleet #23) to generate funds although these will be nominal in relation to recommended fleet purchases.

FURTHER THAT the Council adopt the preferred fleet schedule as recommended by the Public Works Committee and Finance Committee.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council increase the transfer to Transportation Equipment Reserve annually by \$8,000.00, plus COLA, commencing 2016 to compensate for the increased cost of purchasing a 3 ton truck.

Carried

6.5 Thomson Road Crushing of Granular "A"

The Public Works Manager provided an estimated cost of \$5.00 per tonne to crush and stockpile granular 'A' within the Township's Pit.

7. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 County of Renfrew - Cty Road 20 (Bruce St.) at Garden of Eden

8.2 OGRA - Auditor General Report on Winter Highway Mntce.

8.3 Community Link- Energy East Pipeline

The Committee received the above-noted correspondence for information.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Street Sweeping

The Public Works Manager provided quotations for Street Sweeping Services. The PWC reviewed the quotations and recommended award to Castleford Excavating.

Moved by Mayor Kingsbury, Seconded by Rick Lester

THAT the Public Works Committee direct staff to award the Street Sweeping Request for Quotation #PW-2015-01 to Castleford Excavating at a cost of \$85.00 per hour.

Carried

9.2 County of Renfrew Shouldering

Councillor Larone complained of the condition of the shoulder along Storyland, near Ruttan Road. The County graded the shoulders however no additional material was provided. There are many areas where the grade falls significantly off the paved edge and holes have not been filled.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY